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1. US REMAINS OPPOSED TO ANY ACTION BY OTHER CONTRIBUTORS WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT, CHANGE SPECIAL PAYMENTS GROUND RULES. THEREFORE, WHILE WE WILL CONSIDER ANY FORMULA FOR ALLOWING EXTRA ITALIAN PAYMENT WHICH EMERGES FROM AUGUST 2 MEETING, US REP SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT OUR BASIC POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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2. WE APPRECIATE ITALIAN POLITICAL IMPERATIVES BUT WE
HAVE MADE UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENTS TO CONGRESS THAT OUR
COMMITMENT IS NOT MORE THAN DOLS. 9.5 MILLION PER YEAR AND
ARE THEREFORE UNABLE SANCTION ANY SCHEME WHICH MIGHT
SUGGEST ADDITIONAL US PAYMENT. ROGERS

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